HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 21

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A RESOLUTION to recognize First Sergeant Terry D. Melton, Tennessee Army National Guard, for his outstanding and distinguished military career.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize members of the armed forces who have established distinguished records during their military careers and who have demonstrated great courage and competence in service to their country; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is First Sergeant Terry D. Melton, who will soon retire from the Tennessee Army National Guard after proudly serving his country for thirty-eight years; and

WHEREAS, a valued and distinguished member of Troop E 2nd Squadron, 278th

Armored Cavalry Regiment, First Sergeant Melton will be honored at a retirement ceremony at the Jamestown Armory on February 6, 2011; and

WHEREAS, this highly trained professional will long be remembered and held in high esteem by the Tennessee Army National Guard as a true American patriot who served his country capably throughout his distinguished career; and

WHEREAS, First Sergeant Melton exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable military career, First Sergeant Melton has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his superiors, his peers, and those under his command; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we should thank him on behalf of the citizens of the United States of America and the State of Tennessee for his courage and sacrifices to preserve the blessed freedoms and liberty we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend First Sergeant Terry D. Melton on his outstanding career with the Tennessee Army National Guard, praise him for his devotion to his country, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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